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1. The airfield at Tolbukhin is one of the largest in Bulgaria and is, together with the Dobroslavtsi airfield¹, the only airfield which has underground hangars. It serves as a testing base for FALCONS, while the Dobroslavtsi base is for FLORAS, which are now being supplied to Bulgaria.
2. At the beginning of 1955, there were 350 to 400 officers and men stationed at the Tolbukhin base. They were later reinforced by units transferred from Kamenets (N 43-20, E 25-00) and Dobroslavtsi. While the Tolbukhin Airfield has both storage facilities for spare parts and work shops, it has no skilled mechanics to carry out major repairs. Approximately ten Soviet technicians and flight instructors live with their families at the base.
3. Air Force personnel have stated that the FALCONS' tires are not serviceable for more than 40 flights. Tests of Bulgarian-made tires were made in January 1955, the results of which showed that the local product could not stand up to more than one flight.

Comment: Probably refers to the Sofia/Kumaritsa airfield.

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